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Washington, DC 20420**

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Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 27, 2019, in which you asked for a copy of all testimony used in VA OIG report number 15-01879-109, as it relates to investigation report 2015-01879-IQ-0466. Your request was received in this office on March 2, 2019, and we assigned it FOIA Tracking Number 19-00234-FOIA. Please refer to this number whenever communicating with VA about your request.

Please be advised that this office will neither confirm nor deny whether any such records exist. The courts have recognized that an agency may give this response when confirming or denying the existence of records would cause harm recognized under a FOIA exemption. This is known as a "Glomar" response, which may be asserted, for example, when another response would cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under FOIA Exemption 7(C).

You may appeal the determination made in this response to: Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Inspector General, Office of Counselor (50C), 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, or by email to: VAOIGFOIA-Appeals@va.gov, or by fax to: (202) 495-5859. If you should choose to make an appeal, your appeal must be sent no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the date of this letter. Your appeal must include the assigned FOIA Tracking Number and any reason(s) why you believe the response was in error. If you choose to appeal only a portion of the determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. The appeal should include a copy of the request and VA's response. The appeal should be marked, or subject-titled, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruthlee G. Bellamy".

Ruthlee G. Bellamy
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